enter at length into the question of the lawfulness & discussing the doctrine of Inspiration & others which many are by many held sacred - My husband thought so clear & excellent that he enclosed it to a clergyman in Glasgow (Mrs Thornton's son in law) with whom he has recently had some correspondence relative to the American Anti Slavery Socy.

In conclusion - [illegible] pray say - tho' it can scarcely be necessary - that this letter is wholly for private perusal

Again Sincerely

of numbers, tho' not of influence, having been scared by the "Infidelity of Wm Lloyd Garrison" & Co. But you have true & faithful friends in Mrs & Miss Wigham - Eliza wrote me the other day that she & her mother & one other lady had battled in your defence for four hours, against Miss Julia & some eight or ten banded together on her side. Never mind - Truth is mighty & will prevail; - the wicked will not always triumph.

Will you give my kindest regards to your wife & children & believe me my dear friend ~~for~~ with many apologies for this most worthless epistle, Ever to remain your very sincere friend

Eliz. P. Nichol

How truly should I rejoice to see your handwriting once more - little as I deserve it.

It was but yesterday that I was looking over some of your highly prized letters - one of which - the one you may remember writing in '49 in which you have appeared in one of our papers - we have doubted how far it would be wise to notice these in any very public manner, but correspondence has been going on in several directions of a more private nature, which we think will at least tend to make that party a little more guarded in their proceedings. hitherto we have been disappointed in procuring the insertion into some of our papers of your admirable article from the "Liberty Bell" - but it shall not be lost sight of - an indirect reply is better many of us think, than a direct notice of their attacks, which which would draw attention to them & give greater publicity to Julia Griffiths & her mission. We have not even seen that Lady - neither do we believe she has made much way in Glasgow except amongst those who had previously espoused that side; I fancy she has done more in Edinbro' - the clergy there have taken up her cause & there is a divided feeling amongst the members of the ladies committee - some of them - a majority, I believe, in point

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cultivation & growth.

We have read Mrs. Chapman's account of the Bazaar with very great interest; her return to America without visiting Scotland was a great disappointment to the friends of the cause here - my husband & I have often regretted that circumstances had not permitted us the opportunity of seeing more of her during her long residence this side the Atlantic; her presence amongst you again, must give a fresh impulse to the cause with you.

Your channels of communication with this country are so various that I do not suppose I can tell you any thing of importance, of which you have not already been informed - of the doings either of friends or enemies here. The latter - stirred up no doubt by Julia Griffiths, have been rather active of late; circulars - copies of which I have already to Wendell Phillips & which I rather think the Patons have sent to you have been, issued by the New Organization in Glasgow & articles descanting on the Infidelity of Abolitionist

But more than enough respecting "H" & his letter – let me now allude to an individual of a different stamp – our dear friend P. Pillsbury: he writes you no doubt of his labours but he is too modest to speak of their value which his friends here feel to be great. his meetings gain fresh labourers & the more personal intercourse with such a man must tend vastly to dispel the prejudice which has been infused into many minds against the leaders of the American A.S.S. & to prevent the shafts of the enemy from gaining admittance into many more. We have seen little of him compared with what we could have desired & are exceedingly disappointed to learn by a recent letter that there is not much chance of our having another visit from him, as we had fully calculated on: his time appearing to be sketched out up to the intended period of his return to his native land. Nor could we wish him to delay that return when we remember for what a length of time his wife & family have been deprived of his society – but his departure will be a great loss to the cause in this land. I fear the field here is not sufficiently important to render it worth while for him to return & spend further hundred to a hundred & fifty that introductions were out of the Question - & it was with extreme regret that I heard after the company were gone that he had been here - for I certainly should have striven hard to find an opportunity of expressing our sentiments on the subject on which it is pretty clear from one rather amusing incidental allusion in his letter, he is somewhat sensitive. Still more did we all lament that Parker Pillsbury was prevented of being with us that eve^g as he had fully intended to be. The ~~ne-gro~~ "mu-latto" of whom "H." speaks was a highly intelligent scientific gentlemanly man deputed to attend the meeting of the assoⁿ by the Pasha of Egypt - himself a native, Nubian of that country. I could but feel glad that a South Carolinian sh^d see how both ladies & gentlemen flocked round & eagerly conversed with one of the "despised race" - nor am I sorry to find that the same eye chanced to fall on the Anti-Slavery department of our library, for besides Clarkson's Abolition of the Slave trade he w^d probably perceive some line of volumes, lettered "Facts on Slavery" - besides "Tribute to the Negro" "Liberty Bell" - "writings of Wm. L. Garrison". [illegible] illness - might not the voyage tend greatly to the renovation of your health & strength? whilst I am very sure, a visit from you w^d afford the greatest pleasure to many true hearts here, whom the breath of calumny has not sufficed to turn away from you. And I think I can say that nowhere would you meet a sincerer welcome than at the Observatory - Glasgow. Well - now that I have begun, subjects well up one after another, convincing me already, that I shall not find room to touch on one half that I am wanted. But first of all, I must say a few _private_ words to you on a portion of that strange letter respecting the British Association, to which Dr. Nichol would not of course allude in a com-munication intended for the public eye. The letter signed "H." wh. appears in the "Liberator" of Feb. 8 - is written, we cannot doubt, by a gentleman named Hammond from (I think) So. Carolina. He brought an introduction to Dr. N. but unfortunately we were out when he called with it & my husband subsequently invited him to a large mix^d. party wh. we had during the Asso^n. - It was _so_ large, numbering probably, from a

Elizabeth Pease Nichol to W. L. Garrison

Observatory. Glasgow
Feb. 27. 1856

My dear Friend

So long an interval has occurred in our correspondence that I feel on again resuming the pen, as tho' I knew not very well on what topics to touch & yet I could not consistently with my own feelings permit my husband's note to go unaccompanied by a line of affect.e remembrance from myself — were it only for the purpose of offering the assurance that notwithstanding silence has subsisted so long between us, we have not ceased to watch your labours with the most sincere interest nor do I know that I ever more truly longed for personal interchange of thought with you than I have done of late — not for myself merely, but that it would give me such real delight, that you & my dear husband should become personally acquainted. Is there no hope of our seeing you again on this side the Atlantic? I was sorry to hear that you had been suffering from